

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1691 - HB 1967

March 6, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Division of Methamphetamine Exposure Detection within the Department of Health and requires the testing of a biological sample to determine the existence of methamphetamine or related chemicals in children who are in the custody of the Department of Children's Services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

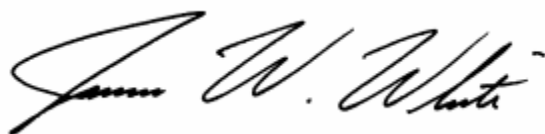
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to gather and analyze data on the incidence, prevalence, and severity of methamphetamine and related chemical exposure in the children of the state.
- Currently, the Department of Children's Services (DCS) requires children who are suspected to have been exposed to methamphetamine or related chemicals receive a physical exam at which time the child is tested for chemicals related to methamphetamine. A majority of the testing is paid for through the Bureau of TennCare.
- The newly created Division is responsible for testing the specimen collected by DCS or having such specimen tested.
- DCS will continue to require physicals and testing of such individuals and will have the results of such tests provided to the Division.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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